TOPICS IN CALIFORNIA.

DROPPING NAVY YARD WORKMEN-ENGLISH SERVANTS-STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

THE TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] San Francisco, Nov. 17 .- Although the official returns are not in from some of the back counties, all doubt about the election of the various candidates is settled. The Republicans have carried the State by at least 9,000. They have five Congressmen, Biggs, of the Hd District, being the only successful Democrat. Both the Republican candidates for the State Supreme Court, Works and Beatty, are elected. The contest between Works and Sullivan was very close, and the result was not certain until yesterday. Sullivan was the Judge who presided in the Sharon divorce case, and who delivered the famous decision up holding Sarah Althea's marriage and awarding her a wife's share of Sharon's estate. His defeat is chiefly due to the labors of Sharon's heirs, who swore he should never again secure a public office after having rendered a decision that was against the law and the facts and that was reversed by the higher court.

The discharge of four railway mail clerks on the Northern Pacific and two on California lines was due entirely to party spite. These men were all efficient, and had been for years in the service, but they were Republicans, and joined in a Republican campaign parade. One of the discharged men, C. P. Holloway, is a brother-in-law of the late Governor Morton, of Indiana.

The threatened boycott by the Chinese of American imports into China, because of the Exclusion Act, which seems to have alarmed New-York merchants in the China trade, is ridiculed here. Last year this country imported over \$19,000,000 of Chinese goods, while China imported only a little over \$6,000,000 of American goods. Half of this consists of flour shipped from this State. The Chinese will not jeopardize their trade with America for any sentimental consideration, and the falling off in the American petroleum trade is due to the superior Russian petroleum, which is sold at a lower price than the American oil.

Work has been begun on a new theatre and hotel on the site of the old California Theatre, in Bush-st., near Kearney. The building will six stories high, and built of brick and stone. The theatre will be distinct from the hotel, and will have many new appliances for comfort and safety. It will seat 1,700, and will be opened

The Alameda County Court has decided that John Shawhan need not pay his wife alimony, as, after her divorce, she married again. There isme community property, and Shawhan, who once made nearly \$1,000,000 from mining stock speculation, is now at work at a small salary.

L Grover Reid, who was doing a good business here by sending out circulars that for \$6.45, sent to the California Land and Labor Company, would forward by mail an immigrant ticket to California, has been held for conspiracy. The scheme seems to have been devised in Denver, where Reid had the circulars printed. Forsy thousand of these circulars were found in his room, as well as bonds of a mythical investment company of Denver.

Thirty English female domestics arrived here lay from England, in charge of Mrs. Mary Parker, who had advanced the money for their She believes that English servants will se in demand here when their virtues are better known. Last year she brought over a score of girls, but as most of them wanted positions as governesses, it was some time before they obtained

The Mercantile Library building and lot were The Mercantile Library building and 10t were sold this week at auction for \$179,500. The purchaser agrees to let the library occupy its present quarters for several months. A free public library is now established in the new city hall. Two branch libraries have been opened, where members may order books and receive them in a few hours. A third branch library will soon be established.

It is expected that before another week all the extra workmen put on at the Mare Island Navy Yard to vote the Democratic ticket at the recent election will be discharged. Four hundred and sixty were let out this week, as there was nothing for them to do. The indecent haste with which they were put on and then removed surprised even old Democratis who evidently expected some re-

old Democrate, who evictoric versions are street. Street of the House workmen in this city, put on for election week, have also been discharged. The stream-coller Wails able been transformed into a fine pessenger boat at the Lition Coast Streambip Company, and will run between here and Victoria.

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hem will be Arthur Farwell, Lamb, Hamiin and Ham ill, of Yale; Harlan and Morgan, of Princeton, and Eldridge, of Harvard. The game is to be given at the Chicago Ball Club, an admission fee of \$1 will be charged, and the proceeds will be divided between the Lake Geneva Fresh Air Fund, the Lake Side Summer Sanitarium and the Training School for Nurses The tickets are being sold by some of the most prominent women in town. The places around the field where carriages can stand are all to be sold off too,

tremendous crowds have visited the place every aft n and evening. The whole thing has been wretch edly managed, and is in the hands of the State Board of Agriculture, whose sole experience has been in the management of the State Fairs. A number of rich Chicago men who were interested in horses subscribed \$20,000 as a guarantes fund to help the show, and they are greatly disgusted at the lack of management. Among the horses on exhibition are Mr. Caton's string, which were at Madison Square Garden in New-York last week. The show of roadster stallions Thus was an excellent one, and in a field of ten Judge Hayes, owned by W. T. Crockett, of Waukegan, won the blue ribbon in the class for four-year-olds and over. Among the beaten horses were the noted prize-winners Don Cossack, Alexander B. and the pacer Roy Wilkes. On Friday night there was an exhibition of jumpers. To-night the four-in-hands were taken out for prizes.

Gurden Corwith, for whose arrest a warrant was sworn out by his father's assignee in New-York the other day, had achieved rather an unpleasant notoriety Chicago at different times during his career. first came into prominence during the labor strike of 1876. As a member of the Board of Trade, instead of cornering the market he lost heavily. A well-known lead man who is acquainted with the younger Corwith's operations on the New York Metal Exchange, in an interview in "The Herald" here says: "The young man was playing against his father. He got on the wrong side of the market when the lead king began his corner, and to pull out even he sacrificed the old gentlemen." As a member of the 1st Regiment of the Illinois National Guards he refused to go out with hi company during the riots. fendant in a suit brought by young Booth, son of the great fish dealer here. Corwith and Booth had entered into a partnership for the purpose of speculating.

The extensively advertised welcome to ex-Mayor Harrison on his return Thursday night was hardly a success. The chief figure in the procession was F. H. Winston, Mr. Cleveland's Minister to Persia, and about Winston, Mr. Cleveland's Minister to Persia, and about fifty carriages and hansom cabs contained the office-holders of Mr. Harrison's Administration. There is every indication that Harrison will be a candidate for Mayor next spring, although a strong feeling is developing among Democrats in favor of Charles L. Hutch inson, the son of the wheat speculator. He is thought to possess the qualifications necessary for the office, bosides having exceptionally strong points of availability. Among these are mentioned the fact that he represents conservative business and banking interests, while at the same time he is popular with the labor element because of "Old Hutch's" large gift to the Anarchisis' Defence Fund.

C. D. Spaids, who at the time of the great Chicago fire was a wealthy lumber dealer and whose property was all lost by that calamity, died here this week and was buried at the expense of the county.

An institution called "The Chicago Training School and Mich of Domestic Science" has been established in Michiganave. The object is the training and education of house servants of all kinds, and the management hap "that the efforts put forth by this association will revolutionize the methods of domestic work, place the maid servants in a more digofifed position and develop in the mistress a clear comprehension of the requirements and rights of their help."

The announcement from Indianapolis that General Harrison was coming to Chicago to be dired by the Union League Club is at least premature. Ferdinant Peck and several other gentlemen of the club called upon the President-elect at his home Tuesday last and haid the invitation before him. He expressed his pleasure at the compliment, but said that owing to the tremendous pressure of afairs now upon him he could not promise an acceptance.

The report of the British-American Association, which was organized here about a year ago, shows that they have naturalized over 3,000 citizens and got "first papers" for as many more. In the Presidential elections in Chicago the total British-American vote is estimated at 5,400. This is just about the plurality that Chicago gave Cleveland.

The Swiss societies of Chicago to night gave a celebration in honor of the amiversary of the independence of Switzerland. An interesting programme was prepared, consisting of pariotic songs, gymnastics, a harvest dance festival, addresses and tableaus.

In commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the accession to the Danish throne of Christian IX, the Danes of Chicago and the Northwest have sent to the King a present of a splendid pair of buildle horns beautifully mounted in gold and accompanied with an engraved address of congratulations.

The feature of the week at the theatres has be The feature of the week at the theatres has been the markable success of Mr. Aronson's casino Company in "Nadly." The Grand Opern House has been packed at every performance. The McCault Company, at the Chicago Opera House, and the Carlion Opera Company, in its new production of "Meinheer Jan" at the Haymarket, have also had large audiences, but Mrs. Potter's houses at McVicker's have been only moderate.

THE TUSKER BREAKS LOOSE !

A HAIRBREADTH ESCAPE FROM A "MUST" ELE /PHANT.

"Tent Life in Tiger-Land" by the Hon. James From

Yard to vote the Democratic ticket at the recent election will be discharged. Four hundred and sixty were let out this week, as there was nothing for them to do. The indecent haste with which they were put on and then removed surprised even old Democrats, who evidently expected some regard to be shown for the proprieties. Twenty extra Custom House workmen in this city, put on for election week, have also been discharged.

The steam-collier Walla Walla has been transformed into a fine passenger boat at the Union Iron Works. The steamer is owned by the Pacific

From The McRae (Ga.) Enterprise.

Mr. Henry Menix who lives in the Jacksonville dis-trict, this county, is ninety-nine years old, has never taken a dose of medicine, and has not missed eating a meal, on account of sickness, in sixty years. He can do good work in the fleid yet, and says he never stops, work on account of hot weather, but does not to get wet. hile over at Mount Version last week altending

while over at Monit Vermon has well at lending and the price for these stands will be from \$2.50 to \$5 each. The University Club has put up a silver cup for the winning team.

The Horse and Fat Stock Show which opened at the Exposition Building this week can hardly be called forty years he has served as grand fury bailiff.

AS THE WORLD WAGS.

RANDOM REMARKS OF A RAMBLER HERE AND THERE.

Two men, as unlike as it is possible for se, met in the corridor of the St. James Hotel a few nights ago, and shook hands in a manner aim affectionate, one ejaculating warmly. " How are you John!" and the other, "Jim, I'm glad to see yo Holding each other's hands, they stood apart from One was well dressed and well several minutes. kept, of stocky build and heavy features, with kindly eyes under bushy brows, and an iron-gray mustache trimmed. Prosperity shone in every detail of ress. His careless nods to passing acquaint ances betrayed the polished man of the world. other was a slight person, poorly dressed, with sharp His eyes were heavy and bloodshot like these of a man who has suffered much, whose life's pillo has been hant, whose bed has been of John Hoey and "Jim" McGowan. What a contrast What a picture for the moralizer: Though so far apart now in their different spheres, these two were as brothers once. Some fifty years ago they newspapers together on the streets. Young Hocy, fird with ambition, became a wholesale dealer at an early age, buying old papers at fifteen cents a pound and selling them at forty. Paper stock was dear in those days. The youth prospered, entered dear in those days. The youth prospered, entered the employ of the Adams Express Company, then a small affair, and grew up with it to become the head of one of the richest corporations in all the land. wealth is counted by millions. Gowan is secretary for two small racing associations and tolls hard for a living. When he stood with his hand clasped in that of his partner of long ago he had scarcely money enough in his pocket to pay for a wholesome meal.

That round-shouldered, square-featured man with the mashed-in face who comes smilling down the ocrridor of the Hoffman House, stopping at every stride to shake hands with an acquaintance, is John Chamber lin. Who has not heard of Chamberlin's as his famous club-house in Washington is called! The former owner of Monmouth Park looks as well and steps as lightly as he did years ago when he raced True Blue and backed him against the world. going to win to-day, John?" was the query that a sailed him at every turn in those days, and the stereo typed reply that always came back was. "Better put a little on True Blue." Chamberlin says he is hap pler now than he was then, but his friends refuse to

Several New-Yorkers, Pierre Lorillard among them have been invited to an old-fashioned South Car deer hunt, which is to take place in a few weeks among the thickly wooded foothills not many mile from Charleston. A deer hunt in Dixle is generally as unsportsmanlike a diversion as the famous shoot ing expeditions of the aged grandfather of the young German Emperor. The sport consists in first distrib-uting the ambitions shots of the hunting party at intervals of half a mile along the forest trails, with instructions to hide behind trees and keep sharp watch. with finger on trigger. Then the hounds are sent into the thickets to start the game. Up springs a fine buck with a snort, and off he leaps through the underbrush. the pack following in full cry. Striking a trail, the animal takes it, and runs up against the muzzle of a gun, which makes an end of him. This may be magofficent, but it is not sport. The fun comes in when the marksman who is about to shoot is selzed with the buck ague, an ailment which physically incapacitates twenty-four hours and allows the game to escape till some other day. Sometimes a patient sportsman stands guard beside a trail from dawn till dusk without being rewarded by a single yelp or the rustling of a twig. Worn out at last, he picks his tollsome way to camp, where he finds the rest of the party

The quickest people in the world to "catch on." as the saying goes, are advertisers. In one of her recent works Marion Harland, inadvertently or with malice aforethought, referred to a certain patent medicine that had been before the public for twenty years but the popularity of which was on the wane. The pers and magazines in the country were announcing n bold type-at from 10 cents to 83 per agate linehat the proprietary article mentioned was recom mended by Marion Harland as a universal panace The sales increased enormously. Another shrewd manufacturer is now taking commercial advantage of the correct and widely published statement that Mrs Anna De Groot, of Millbury, Mass., gave birth to fou girl babies on November 2. The average advertiser draws the line at nothing. Give him a prominent name associated with an unusual incident and he will delight you with a charming bit of fiction, having at its tail end an acute electric shock. Love laughs at locks Trade laughs at conventionalities Don't be surprised to learn any day that *Grant was elected Mayor because he used six bottles of Dewitt's Extract of Tammany Bark, or that Lord Sackville got the sack because he refused to cry for Westoria.

precipitate retirement to the backwoods of Georgia, where he properly belongs. As third assistant Postmaster-General Mr. Harris has been one of the most conspicuous miscarriages of this four years' devil-to-pay interregnum. Under his control of all mail matter of the second class has caused publishers a vast amount of trouble. A change is, indeed, most welcome. No man is more pleased with the prospect than Patrick Farrelly, general

All this full about re-establishing the "Manhattan Magazine," which fell dead by the wayside several rears ago, will probably amount to nothing more than a gentle agitation of the atmosphere. The cost of starting a new or rebuilding an old publication a proper manner is enormous, and the undertaking is attended with great bazard of conscience, time and money. The latest success in this line is a monthly pamphlet of sixteen pages, which is sold to suberibers for twenty five cents a year. Its circulation bona fide, affidavit, honor bright is 575,000 copies a month, and its advertising rate is \$3.50 an again sent to the printer the proprietors expended \$15,000

gone down to Georgia to explore the battlefield of thickamanga will find many objects of interest be-ween the jugged backbone of Mission Ridge and the home of Judson C. Clements, member of Congress from the VIIth District. I wonder if they will run across any walking sticks like those that were sold by the carload at the Contennial twelve years ago! An aged woodbauler, who lived near Rome, Ga., wanted to cap the climax of a miscrable existence by going to the big show, and it occurred to him that he might pay all his expenses by forwarding a miscel-laneous assortment of dogwood, hickory, ash and sevenbark walking sticks to Pairmount Park and selling them there to sight-seers and curiosity hunters as having been cut off the famous battlefield where Bragg and Rosecrans wrestled in 1863. He was cutting and hanting saplings from his ten-acre lot, situated some thirty miles south of Chichamanga, for several weeks, and eventually landed them in Philadelphia, where they went like hot cakes at \$1 apiece,

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revolutions. Mercury does not rise and fall more A BASEBALL CONFERENCE. rapidly than stocks; real estate is booming to-day and in a state of collapse to-morrow; grain is cornered in a few hours and held at fabulous prices, and as quickly thrown upon the market to be almost given But the price of diamonds may be said never to fluctuate. A stone that is bought to day may be worn for ten years and resold to the dealer for 90 cent of its original value. All reputable dealers sell diamonds with that understanding, the 10 per cent being held to cover the wear of the gold or other material in which the stones are set. This arrangenent accounts for the large trade in diamonds among the poor as well as the rich. A person with a few hundred dollars to spare can find no more satisfactory investment than some pleasing ornament, which after a year's wearing is as readily convertible into cash as a check on the Chemical Bank. The rarest diamonds are the green and canary, found in the South African fields. The ordinary white variety is becomnovelties and care nothing for expense. One of the oddest pieces of jewelry in Maiden lane is a band ring set with stones the initial letters of which spell the "Regard," thus: R-uby, E-merald, G-arnet, A-methyst, R-uby, D-jamond. The effect is charming.

The foregoing reference to the Chemical Bank reminds me of the difficulties experienced by a stranger n getting a draft cashed in this city. He knows no body that the bank knows and cannot be identified. His positive assertion that he is himself, as the Irish-

remove the suspicion that he is a fraud. "What is your name?" the paying teller asks, critically examining the indorsement,

" Hezekiah Hardup," is the reply of the timic, nervous

"Is this your signature?" " It is."

"Don't know you."

"I know you don't. "We can't pay this unless we do. Any acquaint ances in the city ?" "One or two. I know Timothy Mumford, up Broad

way a piece." Never heard of him. What does he do " He's a salesman in a wholesale clothing house." "Why don't you ask him to cash this for you? He

an arrange it without the slightest trouble. ent you the draft !" "Zacheus Hardup."

"My brother down in Texas-Dallas, Texas. He's a bardware merchant."

"I guess it's all right, but I'm sorry we can't acdate you. Better take it to your friend." "But there can't be any risk-"

"Impossible, sir, to accommodate you. Next." " But I'm-

" Can't do anything for you, sir, without identifica-

Please move on. You are blocking the line." This sort of thing happens every day in every bank in the city. Occasionally a teller oversteps the and Association clubs in April and October. rules and cashes a draft without knowing positively by whom it is presented. A day or two ago a stranger dropped into a Broadway bank and asked to have a check certified. "I suppose there's no use asking know me and his too much trouble to have myself identified." The teller, struck with his frankness, handed out the money, remarking that it was against the rules, but he would take the risk.

A six-footer, with rather slim legs, broad shoulders, ligh cheekbones and a sandy mustache, stalked into the elbow. His gait was a don't-care swing, the stride being so long that the upper part of the body had to lean to the wind or lose its equilibrium. He was stylishiv dressed in a spick-and-span suit of black. the latter possessed vice. The grand-stand presented a out his face was that of a man not long from the backverdant and the blase. A year and a half ago when begun. The folding chairs, with their seats point John D. Morrissey first appeared in this city he wore taken for a cowboy. It was not until his ungainly gelding Banburg beat Walter Gratz's Elkwood in a tana miner came prominently under the public eye. On hat occasion he invaded the gold-room at the head of a It was feared that he was going to cut a wide swath through New-York with a quart of vermillon. out he turned out to be a man of more sterling stuff. For the last eight months he has devoted himself to his extensive mining interests, adding considerably to his already large store of wealth. He sold all his race borses a while ago and has no intention of returning to the turf.

Lotterers in the lobby of the Fifth Avenue Rotel some fifty years, who strolled in and out after the manner of a boy who doesn't care whether school keeps or fashionable, and they were suffering seriously from knee complaint. A silk hat rested on the back of a forehead furrowed deep with thought. A beet ling brow overhung a judicial eye that could be tender partly concealed by a drooping gray mustache, but carried in his trousers' pocket, the right swung idly at his side. Such is a passing glimpse of Patrick G. Duffy, the " Little Judge."

THE HOUSE'S WORK WAS DONE. New-York letter to The Boston Saturday Evening

Gazette.

I heard the other day of a certain woman who was not in what is called "society," and who, good soul, had not ambition that way so far as she was concerned, but she had a daughter, and she wanted that daughter to make a good match. What did she do to accomplish that end? She bought her a house in a somewhat exclusive neighborhood, furnished in good style, and set about her to entertain. Her principal guests were men, to be sure, and among those who came was one who had rubbed eibows with the "coaching set"; therefore he was the most desirable. He admired the girl, he admired her elegant home; he proposed and was accepted.

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A grand wedding followed, with a wedding breakfast and reception at the "homestead." After the bride and bridegroom set out upon their journey, the old slipper was carried off on the coach top, the house was closed, and is now for sale, and at a sacrifice. Its work is done, and the good mother has retired to more modest quarters. I ought to give the street and number of this house, for it might do as good work for other mammas with marriageable daughters; but I would not like to betray the worthy woman who devised the scheme.

WINE MADE OF WATER AND DRUGS. From The Pittsburg Dispatch.

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"I say, John!"

"Yes, sir."

"Yes, sir."

"This whiskey's doctored, John." He looked at John with reproachful eyes. He was not much bigger than his cane; but when the immaculate John, in the deferential manner native to barkeepers of the higher class the world over, began to protest he whipped out a pocket-book big enough to make up for his physical deticlencies.

"Bet you \$50 it is," he said.

"Well, sir, I can't go you that high, you know; but I'll tell you what I'll do! I will bet you a fiver that I can mix you up any drink you may call for, out of pure water and drugs, and when I set my mixture down beside the genuine article you will not be able to tell one from the other, by sight, taste, or smell, we don't do it here in a puriessional way, but it can be done. That whitskey before you is a pure article, as I told you, sir, and I make the offer merely to prove to you that nothing is easier than for a man to be deceived in his liquor."

"Done. I happen to have a drop of cognac in my pocket flask here. Duplicate it with doctored spirits, and you will."

"He placed his pocket-flask on the bar, while John

and you win."

He placed his pocket-flask on the bar, while John selected a couple of four-ounce bottles from a little collection in the lower drawer of the sideboard. The bottles were labelled:

LEAGUE DIRECTORS TO MEET.

MANY IMPORTANT AND KNOTTY QUESTIONS TO

BE DISCUSSED-NEWS OF THE PLAYERS. The politicians who find such congenial company in the corridors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel may have to seek a new trysting place for at least two days this week. Baseball men when in convention generally monopolize considerable space, and as the National League directors will meet at this hotel on Tuesday and Wednesday, the usual frequenters of the corridors should take warning in time. The convention may last over Thursday, as some important questions before the club owners can return to their home; in various parts of the country. It will undoubtedly be he most largely attended baseball conventions ever held in this city, and the outcome of the meeting will be watched with more general interest than that of any of its predecessors. That the League will have its hands full goes without saying. On Tuesday the Committee on Rules, which embraces delegates from both the League and Association, will hold its session. A committee of five from the Scorers' League will meet with the managers and try to unravel the knots in the playing and scoring rules. If the scorers are as uniform in their onlines as the managers, consider able good work ought to result.

One of the most important questions to be decided

will be the plan to increase heavier or more scientific batting. This will be one of the most difficult questions of the meeting to solve. Hundreds of suggestions have been offered to bring about the desired re sult, but objections can be found to each one. The majority of the club owners seem to think that a rebatting. The plan would undoubtedly rob the pitcher of some of his effectiveness, but it would also rob the poor umpire of his peace of mind. If this plan must be readopted, it should carry the double-umpire system with it. The umpire's lot was not a sinecure when he had to judge a ball between a player's knee and shoulder. If the change is made he will have to judge between the knee and waist and the waist and shoulder. That will give the regular umpire about all be wants to do. He should have an assistant to tend to the decisious on the bases. Opponents of the THE NEW FLANNELS-BEAUTIFUL AND SENSIBLE double-umpire system say that two incompetent um pires will make twice as much trouble as one incom etent one. That is no excuse at all, as there should be no incompetent men on the staff. The double-um musual success. It is also probable that the championship schedule will be shortened from 140 to 126 games. Both Day and Spalding opposed lengthening the season a year ago, and will champion the scheme o make each League team contest in but 126 games. The championship season can then start about May 1 and close about October 1. That would leave plenty of time for an interchange of games between League

During the warm, pleasant days of the last week,

many of our local baseball enthusiasts were inconsolable. They could not understand how, with such baseball weather, they could not have some green diamond battles. The pleasant weather of Wednesday go to the Polo Grounds. The field was in perfect condition for a ball game, except that the goal posts used in the football games took up part of the The toboggan slides are still standing diamond. there like grim senuncis or skeletons of pieasure past. They will be either taken down this winter or allowed to crumble with age, for they will probably never be used for tobogganing again. Tobogthan roller-skating, although possessing virtues where dreary appearance and will need careful attention of carpenters and painters before pert season's battles are ing to the skies, seemed to offer a silent invitation for some baseball crank to come and use them. keeper, were playing on the upper part of the field, near the club-house, and that was about the only pleture of life in the dreary-looking inclosure. There was one other object in sight, but in appear to have much life. It was a battered old rooster, but it had only animation enough to want to die. It was the only mascot that remained with the Giants through the whole season. It deserved a better fate, and some of the champions may shed a tear when they hear what has befallen their old tuck bringer.

Last spring the young members of the Glants were taken on a tour of the Southern States by Manager Mutrie to get them in condition and to see what kind of stuff some of them were made of. that while in New-Orleans a fair Southern maiden fell in love with Catcher Murphy with all the in pulsiveness of her warm Gulf-of-Mexico nature. is recorded that when the young Glants came to their Northern home about the middle of March, the fair Creole wept and pined for several moons. Knowing large head at a corn-to-sell angel, displaying a bulg- that her adored one was a warrior bold and would hero of several Harlem battles last summer, and that the Giants' purses were not diminished by those little of the white and yellow varieties are favorites with meetings. The bird also took a strong dislike to many ladies for evening wear. meetings. The bird also took a strong dislike to urchins with bare legs and was of great assistance to the ground keeper in chasing fence-climbers out of the

> One of the virtues possessed by that rooster, besides his aggressive qualities, was a fremendous pair the place of this prime favorite. None of the blooms of lungs, which when used in times of triumph brought echoes back from the distant Jersey hills since all the giants have gone to their homes the chicken has been lonesome and sad. He was troubled with in-somnia, and that disease soon became contagious among the human inhabitants of the neighborhood. He has made night hideous of late by climbing to the top of the grand stand, and in his loudest notes chal-lenging the chicken kingdom to mortal combat. Here Eitel, who keeps the hotel just across the street from the grounds, is a man of peace, but is also addicted to much rest between sun-down and sun-up. That rooster annoyed him, and he waxed exceeding wroch. Casting aside his beer-stained apron on Wednesday, he made for the Polo Grounds, and sought an inter-

view with Superintendent Bell.

"Ich vant dat roosier moozled," said he. "He keep me avake all night. I vas told he vas ein fighter, und I bet mine danghill rooster over py mine store, und he vill knock der feders from off eny came gock vats in der kontery."

Superintendent Bell did not think so, and a quiet mill was arranged for that evening. The two chickens were put in Eitel's cellar and allowed to settle the lin about five minutes the date. view with Superintendent Bell.

In about five minutes the door was opened and Eitel's bird came prancing out as spry as a thoroughbred. The Southern fighter was found in the darkest corner of the cellar, and the Giant's mascot presented a piti ful sight. The other had torn his comb completely off, and there was not a handful of feathers left on the fighter. His tail was gone, and he will not be able to use one eye for some time, if he ever does again. He has been turned loose on the grounds to die or got well as he sees fit. His fighting days are over, and the Giants will have to get another mascot next spring, for it is doubtful if that proud Creole chicken survives the rigors of a Northern winter. NOTES AND COMMENTS

Stackhouse have been appointed a committee to assist the managers in unraveiling the playing and scoring rules at the Pifth Avenue Hotel meeting on Tuesday.

C. H. Byrne, of the Brooklyn club, is indignant that his Association associates seem to think that he is ready to jump into the League. He sars his club will remain in the Association, and that he has made no overtures to the League and the League has made none to him. Both New-York and Boston will oppose Brooklyn's admission to the League.

It is beginning to look as if Columbus would be the city to make Cleveland's place in the American Association.

Association.

Leap year has been a mascot period for baseball in New-York. The famous old Metropolitans, who singed Fraston Wiman's fingers two years ago, won the Association pennant in 1884, and the Glants won the League frophy this year.

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The palace car that recently carried the Giants to St. Louis and back caught fire from a stovo near Pitisburg last week and was burned up.

Some of the minor league clubs have reserved players without having paid the men all the salary due them. The clubs hope to sell the players for enough money to pay them their salaries. The Arbitration Committee will investigate this at once. Ewing thinks that Boston will not be any harder to beat next season than Chicago.

Mike Kelly talks too much for his future popularity. He considers that Captain Morrill ill-used him. Robinson, Hawley, Howe and Loftus will represent the Cleveland Club at Wednesday's League meeting at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. They say they will have a clear title or retire from basebail for good. There will be a general effort made by most of the clubs to encourage the fair sex to attend the games. No extra inducements, however, will be offered at the Polo Grounds.

Several of the clubs are already arranging for their spring tours. Fewer clubs will go South than usual. Teddy Saliivan is still determined to take two teams to England. He says he will star about the latter part of the mouth.

Smeltz, of Cincinnari, will take Williams's place on the Committee on Rules, which meets at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Treesday.

Detroit will have a professional team next season, but it will be a cheap affair. The Wolverines, greatness in the basebail world is a thing of the past.

Browning ought to have no trouble in hitting a smake' curve. They say when the "Glaviator" loads up with Bourbon he imagines he is a snake-charmer. The Cincinnari team will be sent to the Hot Springs early in March.

HINTS ON FASHIONS.

THE FLOWER DECORATION OF THE PERIOD

SHOES.

The fashtonable tendency of floral decorations is toward more simplicity and more artistic arrange-ment. Refined people are beginning to recognize that flowers should not be fortured into impossible and ridiculous shapes, and that the more natural the effect produced the more beautiful. Artistic workas an art, though it is only just beginning to be recognized as such, and they reject all arrangements which are untrue to nature as violating the first principles of art. The florist's set forms, the lyres and harps, the wire-stemmed flowers, are rolles of a bygone barbarism no longer acceptable to people of

From the 1st of November to the 1st of December season of the chrysanthemum, and during this period the royal flower of Japan is pre-eminently the decorative flower for reception rooms and halls, at weddings and in the drawing-room. The exquisite of the chrysanthemum and the greater perfection to which they are grown here justly make them the most popular flower at this time of the year. For parlor decoration, they are cut with long stems and arranged with large ferns in a natural, artistic manner. Later in the season roses and other flowers will supersedchtysanthemums.

For table decoration, several small sliver bowls, each filled with one kind of roses, are used in prefe ence to the former style of a great mass of flowers in the centre of the table. These form a harmonious grouping of color with the linen, silver and crystal of elaborate dinner services. At the breakfast table large bowls of the exquisite pink carnation, "Grace Wilder," and of mignovette are used for decoration. A bunch of Parma violets, tied with a violet ribbon, is placed at each lady's plate. Yellow roses are the favorite flower for the table at lubeheons, and are placed in rose-bowls at different parts of the board. At each plate for the ladies is a finy cluster of light blue Neapolitan violets, fied with a ribbon to match. The delicate pinks and salmen tints of the new rose, 'Madame de Watteville," have already made it a great favorite, and it is often used for decoration at luncheon

Dark-blue Parma violets are the favorite flower for longer worn on the street by women of the most refined taste. The lovely white violets are reserved for evening dress. At receptions, a few large roses posely arranged with their own foliage are carried. The "American Beauty" and the "La France" rose are preferred at present. The "Madame de Watteville" is also a favorite rose for evening wear and all full rose and the "William Francis Bennett" the favorite crimson rose. These roses will remain fashionable until the grand hybrids come into bloom, when the trio, "Gloire de Paris," "General Jacqueminot" and green-diamond field during | "Madame Gabriel Luizet," will take precedence of all the summer, she looked around for a fitting token to the rest. The most fashionable flowers for bridal send to the man who had stolen her peace of mind | bouquets are the orange blossoms, which at presen for the time being. New Orleans is famous for her fighting chickens, so the pretty Creole thought she would pick out the king of the birds of the South and send it North with kind regards. It was done, and thing. Orchids, which are attracting so much attenthe bird, a ferocious looking chicken, arrived at the Polo Grounds early last summer. It at once became a used for decorative purposes at the most important great favorite with the Giants and had the freedom social events. The expert skill needed for their culture of the grounds. It is said that the chicken was the hero of several Harlem battles last summer, and that the most exclusive and aristocratic of flowers. Some

> A new rose that is some to be a great favorite next season is the "Duchess of Albany." It is simply an improvement of the "La France" rose. Better in form, color, odor and foliage, it will be sure to take will be offered for sale this winter. The new chrysan themum, the "Mrs. Alpheus Hardy," is also destined to create a great sensation when the blooms are offered for sale next season. This flower is the greatest novelty in form, and is an entire departure all present chrysanthemum shapes; and artistic florists who have seen the blossom unite in saying that, with its most curious arrangement of shape, it is the most exquisitely beautiful variety of chrysanthemum extant. The entire stock of the plant is owned by Mr. James R. Pitcher, of Short Hills, N. J.

> The new colored finnnels, intended for graceful house gowns, are a great improvement in design and texture over anything previously shown. The finest conventional patterns of French prints are repeated in these goods. The dull Gobelin blues, grayish blues, terra cotta reds, navy blues and cardinal colors are figured with geometric designs of interlaced rings, crescents, tiny intersecting ellipses, shaded balls, in white, pale yellow or bright cardinal color. Occa-sionally these patterns are in new colors, and a soft wine-colored wool is figured in intersecting rings in olive and red. The most beautiful of these woollens, however, are the striped flannels in Oriental motif design. A cream-white-woot is figured with a cashmere stripe, about two inches wide, printed in a medley of gay cashmere colors; or a pale India-blue flannel has a figured stripe in the same gay Indian colors. The old-style plaided and striped flannels are already reduced in price. French flannels, in this season's design, are seventy-five cents a yard. The old patterns range in price from forty-five to fifty cents a yard, according to design. Double width French flan-nels, forty-eight inches wide, are \$1.60 a yard. Plain twilled Orient flannels in solid colors are fifty cents a yard.